

June 2, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Ret. Sgt. John Dike and Denise Dike; Debbie Bennett-Stearnsman – Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like Sgt. Dike to come forward and be recognized for his retiring after 27 years of dedicated service to the Mount Vernon Police Department. He then presented Sgt. Dike with a gift of appreciation and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating in reference to the new vehicle they had discussed last meeting, there are really only two options for a vehicle with a police package: a Chevrolet Caprice or Dodge Charger. He added he has estimates as follows:

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| Chevrolet | \$25500 |
| Dodge     | \$23247 |

Board member Higgins stated if she recalls the motion correctly from the last meeting, the Board gave permission for the purchase, not to exceed \$25,000.

Chief Beloit agreed and added both are at least \$1,000 cheaper than the Ford Explorer. He stated he may be able to get them down a little more, but again, they are both police package vehicles. He asked for permission to move forward with the Charger as it is the cheaper option and he believes it

will be more fuel efficient. He added they are in production now as well, so there shouldn't be a long delay.

Mayor Tucker questioned the warranty.

Chief Beloit replied 6 years 100,000 miles on the power train, which is also better than what Chevrolet offers.

Board member Higgins moved Chief Beloit be permitted to move forward with the purchase of a 2011 Dodge Charger police package vehicle. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit added this will be replacing their oldest 2003 Crown Victoria which is really starting to cost them in maintenance, well over \$1,000 this year.

Mayor Tucker asked if he will be trading it in or selling it at auction ?

Chief Beloit replied he will be trading it in, as that will come off the purchase price.

Mayor Tucker asked that he get with him first after he gets the trade in offer, as he may be interested in keeping it for a Code Enforcement/Weeds vehicle.

Board member Fuelling added that is a good idea.

Board member Higgins added that hopefully there are not a lot of issues with that car.

Mayor Tucker replied he would just like to look at the possibility.

Chief Beloit added this is fine.

Chief Beloit concluded his report by stating the copy machine lease is set to expire soon and he is in negotiations with OfficeWare as well as Business Equipment about a new copier. He stated he has quotes – OfficeWare is cheaper at \$328.45/quarter versus Business Equipment at \$357.54/quarter. He added they are both better deals than they currently have, but a new one will save them around \$140/quarter.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Board member Fuelling moved they accept the quote of OfficeWare for a 36 month lease of a new copier at \$328.45/quarter. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloit ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated his operation requires the use of pumps and computers, so almost every meeting, they are going to hear about one of the two. He added his desktop monitor wouldn't come on, he swapped it out with another, but it is out. He then stated the laptop he uses in the field is eight years old and is slow as can be.

Board member Higgins asked if he is needing a new laptop and a new desktop ?

Supt. Givens replied both. He asked if they could allow him a certain price not to exceed on the laptop and then he can purchase one, but he really needs the monitor now.

Board member Higgins stated he could get a new laptop for around \$800, but he will also need programs on it.

Supt. Givens agreed and added he really needs Excel on it.

Board member Higgins asked about the desktop.

Supt. Givens the monitor is an Acer monitor, though the tower may not be. He added he can get a new monitor for around \$80.00.

Board member Higgins asked if \$2500 total would be enough for both ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, but added he was actually looking to spend no more than \$1500.00 for both.

Board member Higgins moved Supt. Givens be permitted to purchase new monitor and a new laptop with software, not to exceed \$1500.00. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions of Supt. Givens ?

Board member Higgins questioned the status of the refund for Scott Straw ?

Supt. Givens replied he thought Mr. Straw was to appear at another meeting, but he has talked with Attorney Higgins about it and she indicated a refund was not possible in this case.

Board member Higgins asked that Supt. Givens please give Mr. Straw a call tomorrow.

Mayor Tucker added they can not help him in this case due to the ordinance that is in place.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

Ms. Stearsman asked if since they were on sewer business, she could get some claims approved ?

Mayor Tucker agreed.

Ms. Stearsman stated the Board approved claims today for the first draw, and she has the actual draw paperwork that needs to be executed.

Board member Higgins moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign the draw. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stearsman asked if they would also please approve a request for extension of the grant. She stated the original expiration of the grant is to be March 31, 2012, as this is an 18 month project, they are now asking that the expiration date be extended to March 31, 2013. She added this is the contract with the State they are talking about.

Board member Fuelling moved they accept the request to change the expiration date to March 31, 2013, and that Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report, but then added the newest pick up is in and on the road – it needs lettered yet, but it is on the road.

Board member Fuelling added the advantage to this truck is that it does have the snow plow attachment, and will possibly be able to be fitted with a salt spreader. This will allow them to get into small parking lots, alleys, etc.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?  
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated under Legals, they have a change order submitted by Keiffer Brothers on the silo project.

Board member Fuelling moved the change order on the silo project, keeping it within budget and with actual deadlines, and addressing completion of ground work (\$62,400), be approved, and Mayor Tucker be permitted to sign. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stearsman left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated the next Legal item they have is a discharge request contract with American Environmental concerning the work they will be doing at the B P Station.

Board member Higgins asked what happens if the BP goes out of business before this work is completed ?

Supt. Givens replied the State hired them to do this work.

Board member Fuelling added they have to finish the work.

Board member Higgins moved they proceed and sign the contract, per Attorney Higgins.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?  
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Board member Fuelling asked if there was any information on the bridge west of town on the old highway ?

Supt. Givens replied he spoke with Jim Alsop today and added the county has two bridges they are looking at doing work on, but they have not made a final decision yet. He stated he really doesn't see how they can move the sewer line on that bridge until they know what the county is going to do. He added the county has no engineer on this job either according to Mr. Alsop. He then stated Mr. Alsop will get back with him at a later date, but he feels they will need sealed bids on this as it may exceed \$25,000.

Board member Fuelling stated the county needs to decide what bridge they are going to do and then the city needs to get that in writing. He asked if the city needs to get petitions together or something to push them toward working on that bridge ?

Supt. Givens replied he isn't sure but the county needs to commit. He added he feels they all need to get together and meet and have a discussion about it.  
Board member Fuelling added that would be a good idea.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.  
Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.  
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer